

# Mark Tan IN LAS VEGAS



**NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....Dateline: HONOLULU, HAWAII** - Our 50th State is as lush, green, exotic and beautiful as ever - despite the addition of several thousand more TONS of concrete in new hotels, apartments, shopping centers, condominiums and tourist developments! Holidaying in Hawaii for the Christmas-New Year's sun-drenched week: **TONY ORLANDO** headlining at the massive Sheraton Waikiki.....**BEN VEREEN** in a special 3-night stint at the Hawaiian Village Dome.....**STEVE LAWRENCE, EYDIE GORME, TOM JONES, JIM NABORS, BARBRA STREISAND, CHERYL LADD, ABBE LANE** and **JIMMY KOMACK** among the celebs in Kahala, Waikiki and Maui.....Hawaii's gifts to the entertainment world: **BETTE MIDLER, TED NEELY & YVONNE ELLIMAN**.....Former Las Vegas **PETE PETERSON**, choreographer **AL GOSSAN**, dancer **MICHAEL WALKER**, and dancer **MIKKI SHARAIT** now perm residents of the islands.....**DON HO** at the Cinerama Reef's Polynesian Palace.....**DANNY KALEIKINI** at the Kahala Hilton.....**DICK JENSEN** at the Oceania.....**FRANKIE STEVENS** at the Royal Hawaiian.....**THE SOCIETY OF SEVEN** followed (this week) by **THE REYCARDS** at the Outrigger..... **AL HARRINGTON** at the Hawaiian Village.....And to you island visitors who are picking up copies of **THE VEGAS VISITOR** at all the **WESTERN AIRLINES** offices in Waikiki and Honolulu, the **NEW STAR TO CATCH** during your stay is beautiful local girl **AUDREY MEYERS** now headlining her own show at **THE HOUSE OF LONO** on Ala Moana Boulevard. Staged and choreographed by **AL GOSSAN**, Audrey's new 1979 show is a delightful mixture of the familiar, the exotic, the contemporary and the classic. Backed by four terrific dancers (including featured singer dancer **JOHN TILDEN**) Ms Meyers is a treat to the eye and one of the most charming, versatile and refreshing new talents on the scene. A singer - Audrey's new rendition of "SOME ENCHANTED EVENING" is enchanting in itself plus a powerful tribute to musical standards including Judy Garland's "Over the Rainbows" - a dancer - Hawaiian style hulas, ballet, jazz, disco, and more - and a deft comedienne, Audrey seems to have all the qualifications & determination to become Hawaii's next **BIG** star. She's under the careful and astute aegis of "Hawaii 5-0" costar and top island performer in his own right, **AL HARRINGTON**, and should be recording shortly and a mainland "debut" can't be too far behind. Comparisons to **ANN-MARGRET, JULIET PROWSE, DEBBIE REYNOLDS, RAQUEL WELCH, LIZA MINNELLI**, etc etc are sure to haunt the beautiful Polynesian until she establishes her own unique personality and following. Remember the name **AUDREY MEYERS** - and if you're lucky enough to be in Hawaii, catch her soon!.....Impressario **JACK CIONE**, a frequent Vegas visitor, will be opening a second edition of his "FOLIES POLYNESIA" (now at the International Marketplace at Jack's Le Boom Boom Room) for a Nevada debut at the Park Tahoe Hotel/Casino. Cione's also just about firmed his first "headliner" attraction to alternate with the "Folies" with zany **RIP TAYLOR** his premiere star scheduled to open in February.....Longtime Advertiser entertainment columnist (now in private business) **EDDIE SHERMAN** and wife **PEGGY RYAN** send their "aloha" to all of their Vegas and Hollywood pals. Eddie will be writing again later this year when he starts his special Hawaii file for **THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER**.....

**WEEKEND WARDERERS.....RAQUEL WELCH** at Caesars Palace.....**NEIL SADAKA & MILTON BERLE** at the Riviera.....**LIBERACE** at the Hilton.....**CHARO & RIP TAYLOR** at the Sahara.....**BOBBIE GENTRY & JIM STAFFORD** at the Aladdin....."LE DISCO PARISIENNE" starring "JACQUELINE DOUGUET & RUSS LEWIS and **KATNAP & COMPANY** at the Sahara Casbar.....**PHIL FORD** in "Anything Goes" at the Union Plaza.....**KENNY KERR** in an all new 1979 edition of "THIS IS BOYLESQUE" at the Silver Slipper.....Hypnotist

## CHARO, RIP TAYLOR HEADLINE SAHARA

In a happy blending of super talents, the Congo Showroom of Hotel Sahara comes alive as the exciting Charo and weird Rip Taylor keep 'em ooh-ing and ahing in a two-week engagement. Charo has to be one of the hardest working ladies in the entertainment field. Her polished act is proof of the infinite care and thoughtfulness that goes into every note and movement. She brings her own musicians to augment the Jack Eg-lash orchestra, plus another surprise or two along the way. Rip Taylor has just finished the busiest year of his career and 1979 looks even brighter for this truly unique character. He's terribly funny, as attested by his three Entertainer of the Year awards, but his busy schedule is the best testimonial to the fact that he just plain knows how to make people laugh. Charo and Rip appear twice a night, through Jan. 24 -- an 8:00 p.m. dinner performance and a midnight cocktails - only show.

## WENDY & WARE AT AMBASSADOR

WENDY & WARE, who are familiar faces to Las Vegans, are currently making their debut at the Ambassador Casino. Both of them play acoustical guitar with (Jim) Ware also playing electric guitar and harmonica. Wendy & Ware blend their outstanding vocal qualities in harmonies on such numbers as "Little Green Apples," "How Sweet It Is," "Happy Anniversary Baby," and many more of your favorite hits. Says Wendy (Childs) of the material the duo performs, "We sing about love, peace, God, and not hurting." Wendy & Ware have been a team for 5-1/2 years and will take requests for the songs only that they know. They don't want to "fake" a song like so many others because they put a lot of time into picking out material that they truly believe in and which the brother/sister team feel is also appealing to the masses. Prior to joining forces, Wendy & Ware each had rock groups of their own,

## WAYNE NEWTON, DAVE BARRY AT DIJAN. 23



Singing sensation Wayne Newton is once again packing them in at the Desert Inn and Country Club. The "Midnight Idol" is joined in the Crystal Room by his comedian side-kick Dave Barry and the "singin' - swingin'" Jive Sisters through January 22. Variety is the key element of the new Wayne Newton show which features ballads, rock-n-roll, and country sounds -- there's something for everyone. A man capable of producing laughter, tears, and endless applause from his audiences, Newton also sings his new hit single "Housewife," which has sold over one-half million copies. Complimenting his performance are the exciting Jive Sisters trio and "funny man" Dave Barry who welcomes Los Angeles visitors with a cough and New Yorkers with a "blackout." Following Wayne in the Crystal Room will be Juliet Prowse and Anthony Newlev.

**DEBRA DUKE** (afternoons) at the Sahara Casbar.....**DENISE CLEMENTE & THE HENRY SHED BAND** at the Aladdin Casino Lounge.....

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